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TO: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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FROM: Director, Office of Technology Transfer (OTT)  
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SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority for Certain Patent  
Administration and Prosecution Activities

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